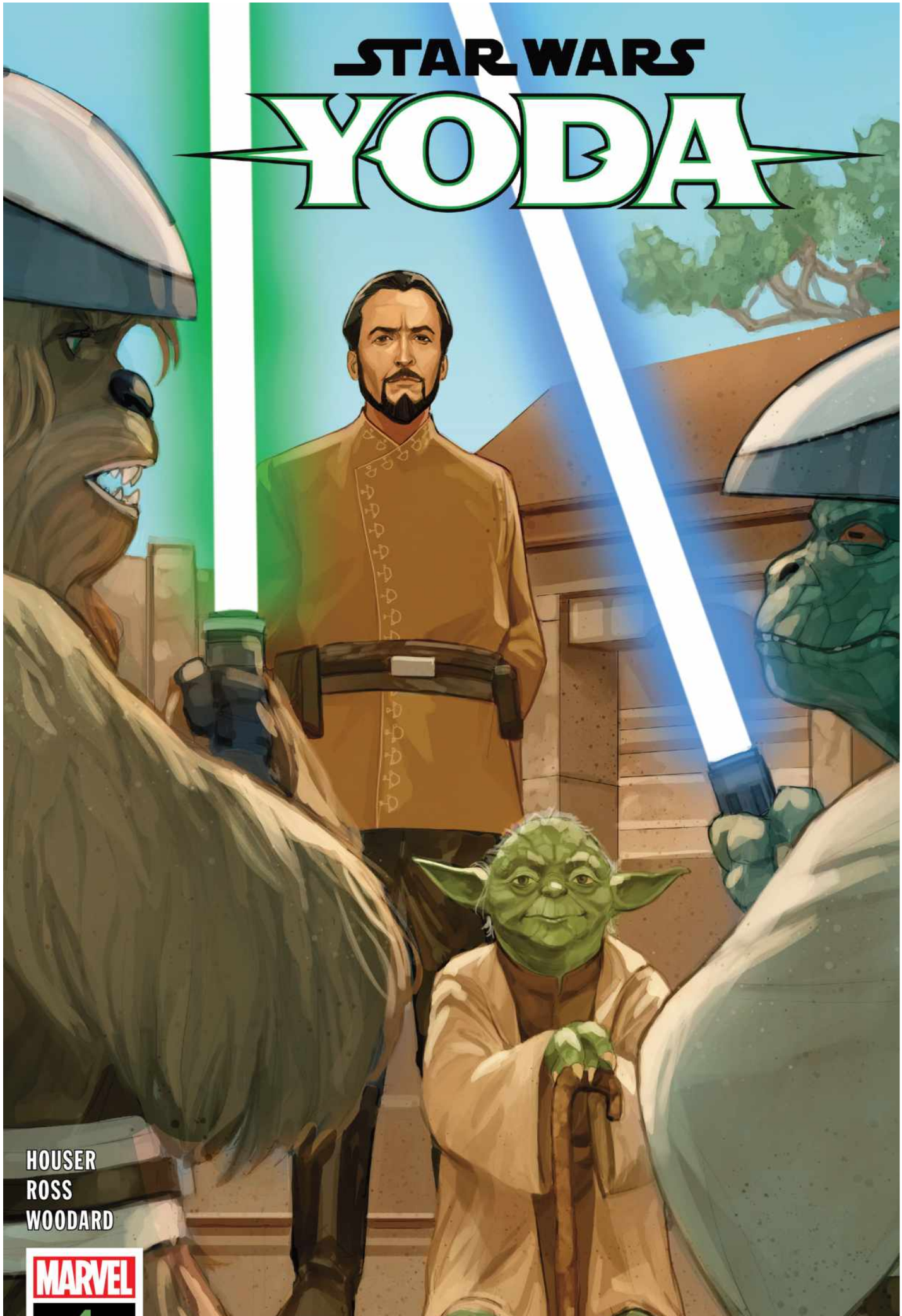
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The wise Jedi Master Yoda has lived a long life in service to the greater good of the galaxy. After the rise of the Galactic Empire, he now spends his days on the secluded swamp world Dagobah, awaiting an important visitor and reflecting on his many adventures....

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Dagobah.
Now.
YODA.

MASTER YODA, WE REALLY MUST TALK.
HRMMM...
YODA...
"YOU WISHED TO SEE ME, MASTER YODA?"

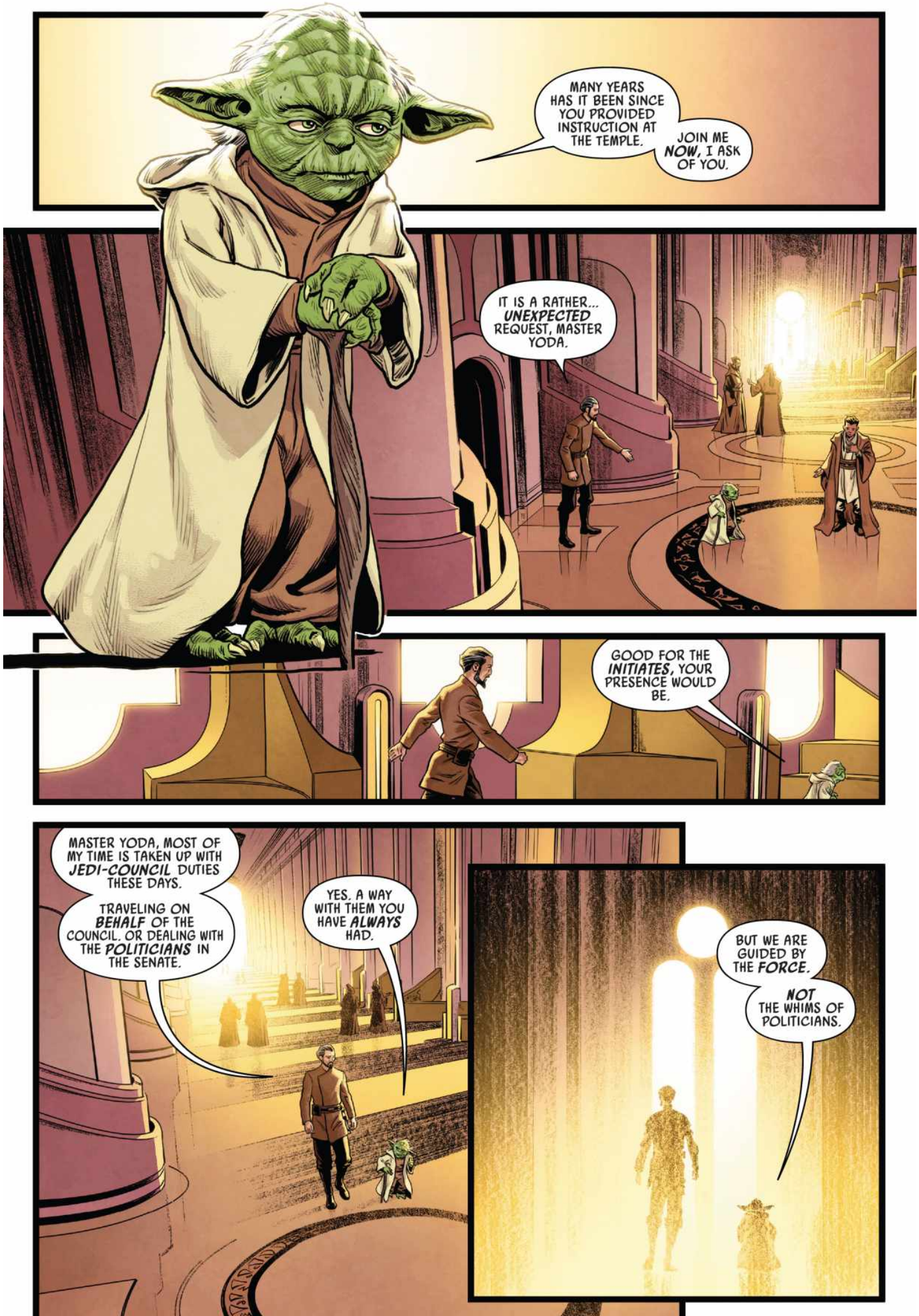
Coruscant.
Years ago.
MASTER DOOKU. GOOD TO SEE YOU, IT IS.
AND YOU, MASTER YODA.

BUT I SUSPECT YOU DIDN'T SUMMON ME HERE FOR MERE PLEASANTRIES.

INDEED. A REQUEST, I HAVE OF YOU.

AND WHAT IS IT MY OLD MASTER WISHES OF ME?
WALK WITH ME.

WHY DOES THIS FEEL RATHER LIKE I'M ABOUT TO BE SCOLDED FOR SOMETHING?
MEMORIES OF YOUR YOUTH, PERHAPS.


MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU PROVIDED INSTRUCTION AT THE TEMPLE.
JOIN ME NOW, I ASK OF YOU.
IT IS A RATHER... UNEXPECTED REQUEST, MASTER YODA.
GOOD FOR THE INITIATES, YOUR PRESENCE WOULD BE.
MASTER YODA, MOST OF MY TIME IS TAKEN UP WITH JEDI-COUNCIL DUTIES THESE DAYS.
TRAVELING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, OR DEALING WITH THE POLITICIANS IN THE SENATE.
YES. A WAY WITH THEM YOU HAVE ALWAYS HAD.
BUT WE ARE GUIDED BY THE FORCE.
NOT THE WHIMS OF POLITICIANS.

PERHAPS THE BEST PADAWAN OF YOUR GENERATION, YOU WERE.
ARE YOU RESORTING TO *FLATTERY*, MASTER YODA?
BESIDES, I RECALL GETTING INTO MORE *TROUBLE* THAN ANY OTHER PADAWAN OF MY GENERATION.
MMM. YES.
AND A *VALUABLE* PERSPECTIVE, THIS GIVES YOU.
YOU HAVE *NO* INTENTION OF DROPPING THIS, DO YOU, MY *OLD* MASTER?
NO.
THEN INSTRUCTION I SHALL PROVIDE.
FOR A *TIME*, AT LEAST.

BENEFIT THE STUDENTS AT THE ACADEMY, YES.
BUT ALSO DOOKU.
TOO OFTEN, HIS THOUGHTS STRAY FROM THE PRESENT.
TO THE PAST. SERENNO AND THE FAMILY HE LEFT BEHIND.
AND TO THE FUTURE. WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. WHAT COULD BE.
IF CONCERNED WITH THE FUTURE

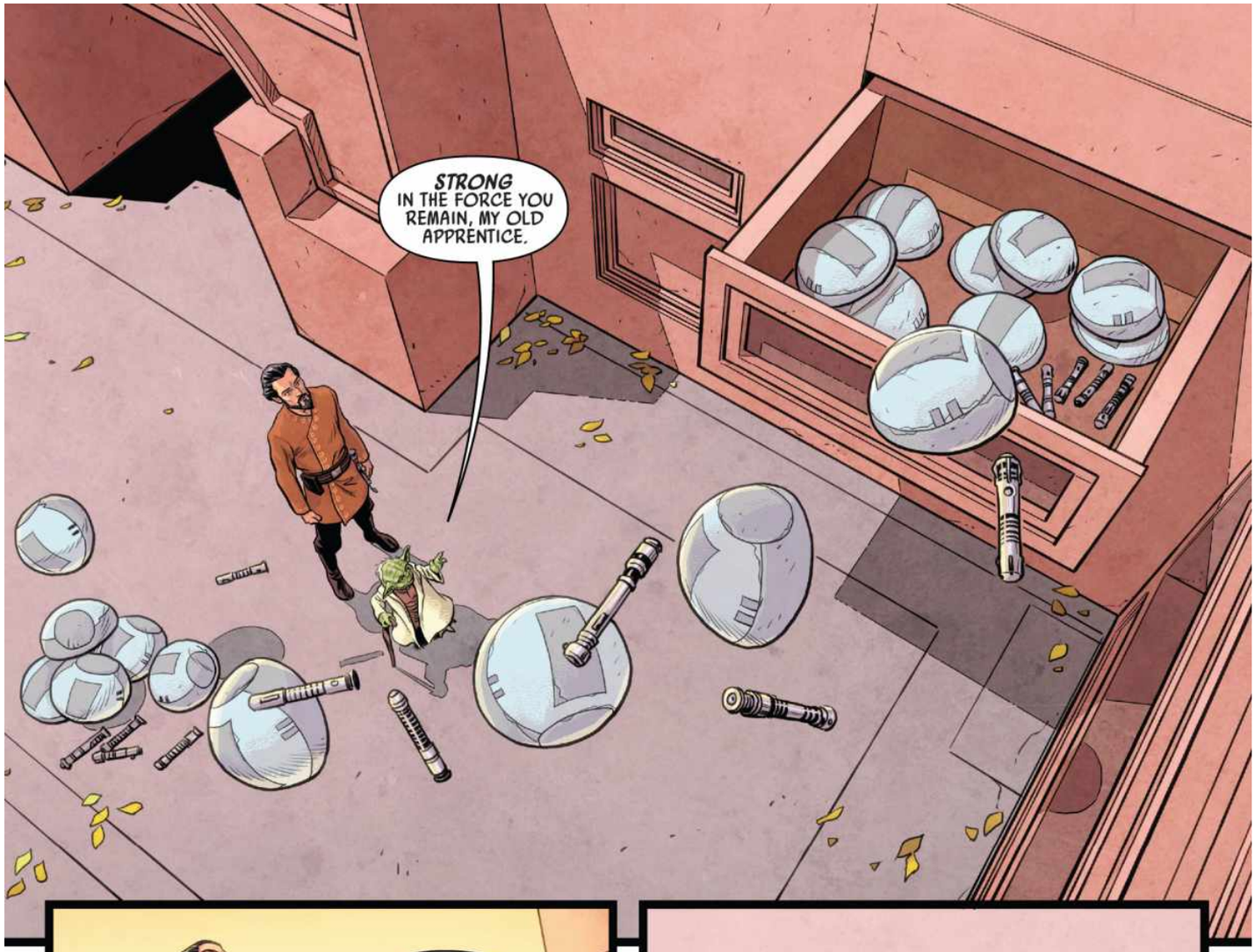
...THEN HELP SHAPE IT, HE SHALL.
A TRANDOSHAN INITIATE.
AND FIGHTING ALONGSIDE A WOOKIEE, NO LESS.
RAISED AWAY FROM THE ANGER AND PREJUDICES OF THEIR PEOPLE, THEY WERE.
AND A FORMIDABLE GROUP, THEY HAVE BECOME.

A GUEST WE HAVE TODAY, INITIATES.
SAY HELLO TO MASTER DOOKU.
HELLO, MASTER DOOKU.
MASTER DOOKU IS ON THE JEDI COUNCIL.
AND HE WAS ONCE PADAWAN TO MASTER YODA HIMSELF!
OH, WOW.
RRROOOOOFF.
I DO NOT READ TOO MUCH, KRRSISH.

IF YOUR INITIATES ARE CURRENTLY LEARNING THE ART OF THE LIGHTSABER...
...PERHAPS A DEMONSTRATION IS IN ORDER.
A FINE IDEA, MASTER DOOKU.
THIS IS GOING TO BE SO WIZARD!
RRRUUUUUH RUH RRRRRAAAANG!
COME ON.
LET'S GET A BETTER VIEW.

VHMMMM
VHMMMM
SKRRRAAAAK

AND THE WAY MASTER DOOKU COUNTERED--
BUT YOU COULD TELL MASTER YODA SENSED IT COMING!
WASN'T THAT AMAZING?
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN DUELING LIKE THAT?
NNNNUUUUU... UUGH.
RAAAAUUUUUUUH NNNUUUUUAAAAGH!
SUUUUURE YOU'LL BE BETTER THAN BOTH OF THE JEDI MASTERS.
YOU'LL ONLY NEED EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS TO CATCH UP.
IS MASTER DOOKU REALLY THAT OLD?!
NO, MASTER YODA IS.
IF MASTER DOOKU WAS HIS PADAWAN, HE'S PROBABLY MORE LIKE 700...


STRONG IN THE FORCE YOU REMAIN, MY OLD APPRENTICE.

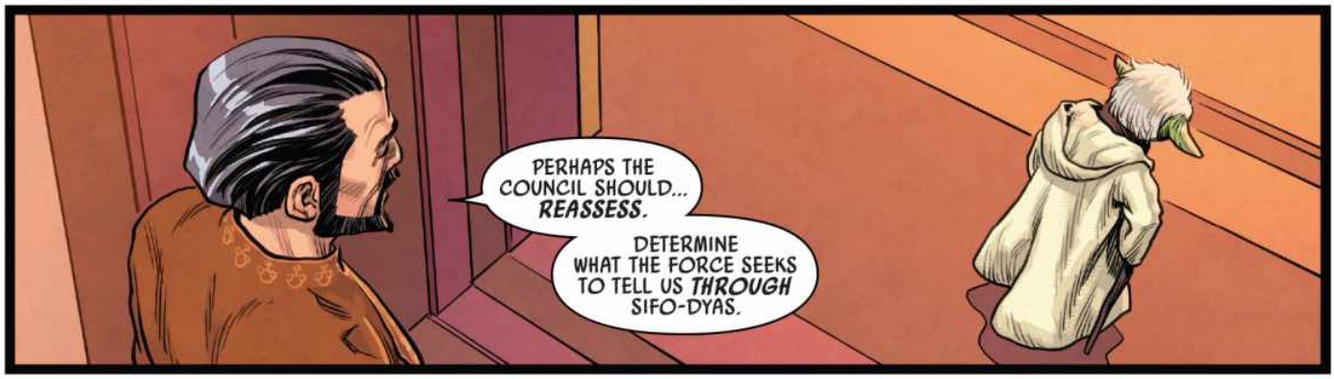
AS DO YOU, MY FORMER MASTER.

THE INITIATES. YOUR IMPRESSIONS?

STILL QUITE YOUNG, OF COURSE. BUT A PROMISING LOT.
THE WOOKIEE IN PARTICULAR HAS IMPRESSIVE FORM ALREADY, FROM WHAT I SAW.

MMM. YOUNG KRRSISH. VERY DEDICATED, HE IS. DRIVEN.
PERHAPS TOO MUCH SO.

BUT GOOD FRIENDS HE HAS.
REMIND ME OF YOU AND SIFO-DYAS, THEY DO.
YES. WELL.
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
DO YOU...BY CHANCE KNOW HOW SIFO-DYAS IS DOING?
MMM. TRAVELING WITH HIS OLD MASTER.
MUCH TIME HE SPENDS, LOST IN HIS VISIONS OF THE FUTURE.
A DIFFICULT PATH, HE HAS BEEN GIVEN.

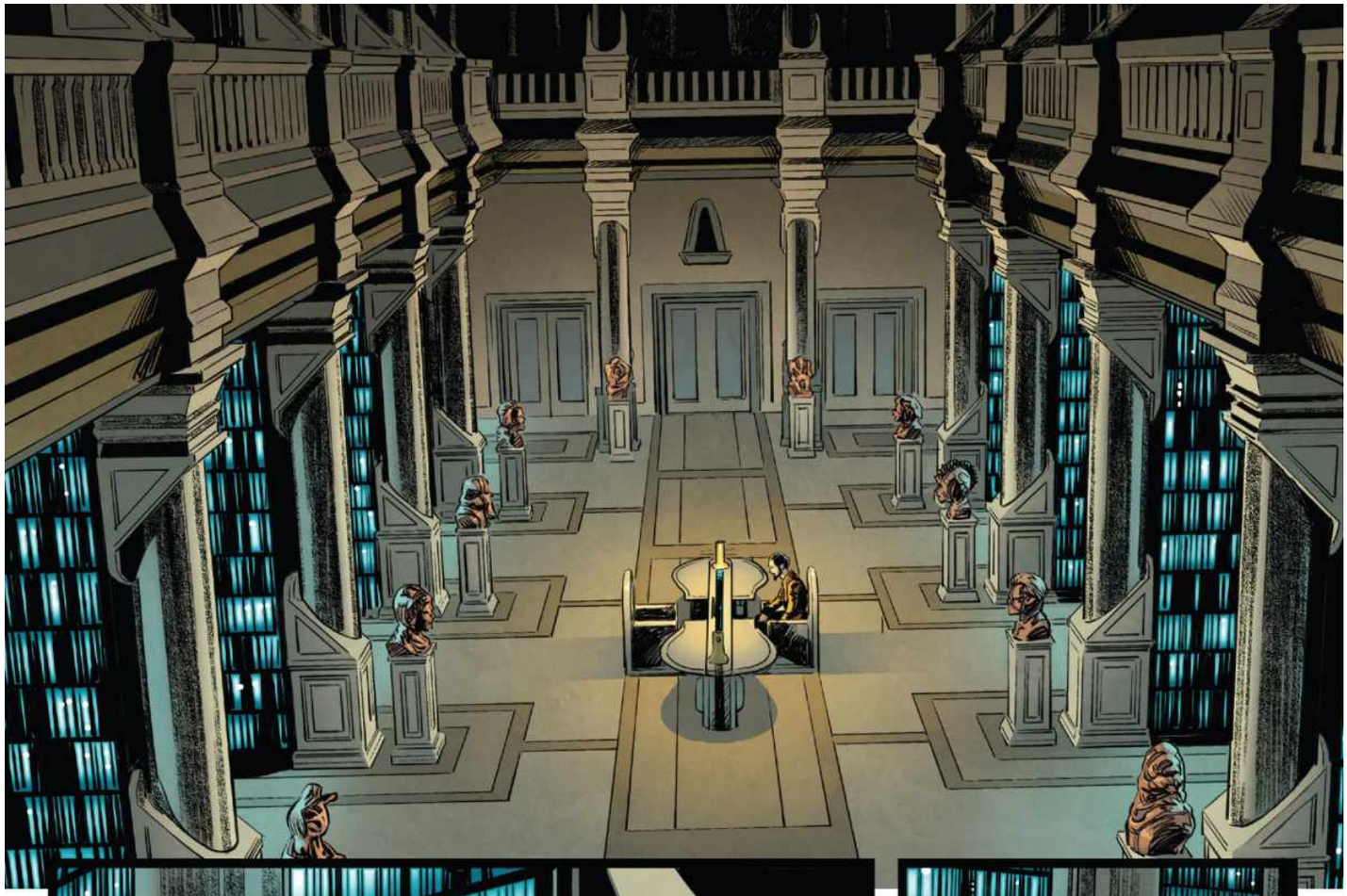

PERHAPS THE COUNCIL SHOULD... *REASSESS.*
DETERMINE WHAT THE FORCE SEEKS TO TELL US *THROUGH* SIFO-DYAS.

POSSIBILITIES, THE FORCE SHOWS US. NOT *CERTAINTIES.*
RUSHING TO ACTION OUT OF *FEAR* LEADS A JEDI ASTRAY.
AND YET JEDI ARE MEANT TO SERVE AS A *LIGHT* IN THE GALAXY.

WOULDN'T WE BE MOST *EFFECTIVE* IF WE KNEW WHERE THAT LIGHT WAS MOST *NEEDED?*

MMMMM...

THE WAY HE BLOCKED.
IT WAS SO FAST!
GRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR...
SORRY!
WE CAN TALK ELSEWHERE...
MASTER YODA MUST HAVE BEEN AT LEAST TWO STEPS AHEAD.
WUUGH?!



RRRRRRRRRRR!

RRRRR...
INITIATE KRRSISH, WAS IT?

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

RRRRAAAAAA--
AANNGH!
YOU DIDN'T DISTURB ME. BUT I SHOULD POINT OUT YOU ALSO HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION.
WHAT IS TROUBLING YOU, YOUNG WOOKIEE?
GWWWOOOUUURGH--
A VISION?
HAVE YOU HAD THEM BEFORE?
RRRUUUUURRRGH.
YOUR FIRST. GOOD. THAT IS GOOD.
WWWOOOOOUUH?
THE JEDI OFTEN DO NOT LOOK KINDLY ON SUCH VISIONS.
EVEN LESS SO ON THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO ACT ON THEM.

"MANY WOULD TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE *LED ASTRAY* BY FOCUSING ON *POTENTIAL* EVENTS.

"*WHATEVER* IT IS THE FORCE HAS SHOWN YOU...
HEY!

"...I WOULD SUGGEST YOU TELL *NO ONE* FOR NOW.

"NOT EVEN MASTER YODA."

NEXT

There is a darkness rising among the latest Jedi initiates. Will Master Yoda and Master Dooku be able to recognize and stop the threat? Or will their young students be led astray by the dark side of the Force?

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